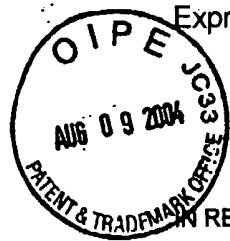


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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, in the above-identified application. Please extend the time period to respond by one-month, from July 7, 2004 to August 7, 2004. A petition and the requisite fee are enclosed. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 4.